PEST EXCLUSION ADVISORY



NO. 02-2004

DATE: February 20, 2004

TO: All County Agricultural Commissioners

FROM: Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services

SUBJECT: Infested Pinecones from India

This is an update to Pest Exclusion Advisory No. 33-2003, issued on December 16, 2003, regarding potpourri packages containing pinecones from India. Live Cerambycid beetle larvae (*Chlorophorus strobilis*) were found by county agricultural inspectors and United States Department of Agriculture, Safeguarding, Intervention and Trade Compliance (USDA-SITC) officers in potpourri packages in Alameda, Fresno, Los Angeles, Orange, and Imperial counties. Infested packages have been destroyed and all other non-infested packages containing pinecones from India were on hold pending further instructions from SITC.

On February 2, 2004 the USDA issued an Emergency Action Notice (EAN) requiring the seizure and destruction of all India-origin potpourri packages with the product brands and UPC/SKU numbers listed in the tables below. All potpourri packages containing India origin pinecones that match the listed UPC/SKU code numbers should now be seized and destroyed by incineration or deep burial at a landfill. If additional India-origin potpourri packages are found with UPC/SKU codes different from those listed, they should be placed on hold. Fax this information to Vince Arellano at (916) 262-1190 for further instructions. Counties should issue a Notice of Rejection (NOR) for all packages using Food and Agriculture Code Section 6461.5.

The following companies, product brands, and UPC/SKU codes are listed on the EAN:

Companies and Product Brand Names Involved in the Recall

American Oaks	Blythe Home Scents	Candlelite Inc.	Christmas	Exotic
Preserving			Tree Shops	Elegance Inc.
Floral Classique	Floral Concepts International	Joannes Fabrics	Lowes	Michael's
Pier One Imports	Target	Walmart		

Recalled UPC and SKU Codes

0 09134 05293 0	0 24708 12219 2	0 24708 15292 2	0 24708 16194 8	0 24708 16214 3
0 24708 16216 7	0 24708 16217 4	0 24708 16250 1	0 24708 16366 9	0 24709 12219 2
0 76001 70826 9	0 76001 70740 8	0 76001 70741 5	0 76001 70742 2	0 76001 70824 5
0 76001 70825 2	0 76001 70830 6	0 76001 70832 0	0 76001 70833 7	0 76001 70834 4
0 76001 70854 2	0 76001 70855 9	0 76001 70856 6	6 43727 30726 9	6 43727 30731 3
6 43727 30736 8	6 43727 30745 0	6 43727 30746 7	7 21366 82768 0	7 50197 86967 5
8 22714 00020 2	8 22714 00021 9	8 22714 00022 6	8 22714 00023 3	8 22714 00024 0
8 22714 00025 7	8 22714 00029 5	8 22714 00040 0	8 26214 00424 1	

Fax all NORs and any other information to Vince Arellano at the fax number above. Vince can also be reached at his office at (916) 262-1170, by cellular phone at (916) 812-4403, or by e-mail at vrarellano@cdfa.ca.gov.

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